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## Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the following Cross-Reference to Related Applications paragraph as follows:

## **Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/290,363, filed April 12, 1999 and entitled "ENFORCEMENT ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT", and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/126,614, filed March 27, 1999 and entitled "ENFORCEMENT ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT", both of which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/176,425, filed January 14, 2000, under attorney docket number 'MSFT-0143' and entitled "ENFORCEMENT ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT", hereby incorporated by reference.

This application is related to and filed concurrently with: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/526,292, Attorney Docket No. MSFT-0118 / 147327.1, entitled "ENCRYPTING A DIGITAL OBJECT BASED ON A KEY ID SELECTED THEREFOR"; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/526,291, Attorney Docket No. MSFT-0119 / 147328.1, entitled "SPECIFYING SECURITY FOR AN ELEMENT BY ASSIGNING A SCALED VALUE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RELATIVE SECURITY THEREOF"; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/525,510, Attorney Docket No. MSFT-0135 / 147325.1, entitled "RELEASING DECRYPTED DIGITAL CONTENT TO AN AUTHENTICATED PATH"; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/526,290, Attorney Docket No. MSFT-0136 / 147326.1, entitled "DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OPERATING ON COMPUTING DEVICE AND HAVING BLACK BOX TIED TO COMPUTING DEVICE", each of which is hereby incorporated by reference.